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| Application Number | 10/821,764 |
| Filing Date | April 9, 2004 |
| First Named Inventor | Donald DeMotte et al. |
| Group/Art Unit | 3651 |
| Examiner Name | Khoi H. Tran |
| Attorney Docket No. | 132815-0015 |

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FEE CALCULATION

1. Basic Filing, Search, and Examination Fees

| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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| - 20 or HP = | x | = | | | 50 | 25 |
| HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20. | | | | | 200 | 100 |
| | | | | | 360 | 180 |
| Indep. Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | | Multiple Dependent Claims Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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